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SUBJECT: CZECH REPUBLIC: DEMARCHE RESPONSE ON RUSSIAN
RECOGNITION OF ABKHAZIA AND SOUTH OSSETIA AS INDEPENDENT
STATES, AND BASING PLANS

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Classified By: Deputy Political/Economic Counselor Martin Strong for re
asons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Embassy officer delivered the reftel demarche points to
Veronika Kuchynova-Smigolova, the Czech MFA's Director of
Security Policy, and her deputy, Petr Chalupecky on March 18.
They appreciated receiving the points and agreed with our
position. Kuchynova-Smigolova added that the Czechs are
frustrated that Germany and other European countries are not
willing to take a harder line on Russia for its refusal to
abide by its cease fire obligations.
Thompson-Jones